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1. All the technical and police aspects of the problems which would arise from the introduction of the contemplated new identity card for the Russian Zone and Greater Berlin have been provided for, and the issuance of the new pass **Comment: Described in [REDACTED] is dependent** only upon a go-ahead order from the SIA and limited only by the time it would take to print the cards. It is the opinion of responsible officials within the General Administration of the Interior that the printing could not be completed before early September 1948.
2. It was originally planned that the Russian Zone identity cards should not be introduced until 1 January 1949. Officials of Section V of the General Administration of the Interior, however, recently decided to complete all necessary plans for the introduction of the cards into Greater Berlin as well. Responsible authorities believe that this would be a purely political move, aimed at embarrassing the western powers. The desired effect would best be secured, therefore, if the passes were introduced as soon as the work of printing them is completed. It is believed that the SIA order to introduce the identity card might be issued before all the passes are actually printed.

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